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TELECON WITH OP CENTER/ROMANIAN DESK

1. NEW REUTER ITEM JUST OFF LINE DATELINED BUCHAREST REPORTS THAT GOR OFFICIALS HAVE DENIED PREDICTION THAT THERE MIGHT BE ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE. GOR OFFICIALS ARE SAID TO CONSIDER SECOND QUAKE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

2. AS SOON AS SECOND SOURCE CONFIRMS ABOVE REUTER ACCOUNT, RFE WILL WEAVE GOR POSITION INTO REVISED NEWS STORY ON U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY INFORMATION. RFE MANAGEMENT CONSIDERS IT FAIR AS WELL AS GOOD JOURNALISM TO BALANCE NEWS STORY WITH STATEMENT OF GOR POSITION.

3. TEXT OF RFE NEWS STORY BROADCAST TO ROMANIA AT 1:00 PM CET (1200 NOON GMT) FOLLOWS:

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BEGIN TEXT: THE UNITED STATES HAS TOLD THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT ANOTHER STRONG EARTHQUAKE MIGHT (RPT MIGHT) STRIKE THE COUNTRY WITHIN DAYS OR MONTHS.

THE WARNING -- ISSUED BY THE EARTHQUAKE CENTER OF THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN COLORADO -- SAID THAT PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWED A TENDENCY FOR LARGE QUAKES TO

OCCUR IN THE REGION IN PARIS. IF CITED EXAMPLES IN
1912, 1940 AND 1945.

THE WARNING WAS COMMUNICATED TO THE ROMANIAN
GOVERNMENT THIS MORNING BY U.S. AMBASSADOR HARRY BARNES
FOLLOWING A CABLE FROM SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE.
THE U.S. HAS OFFERED TO WORK WITH ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES
TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND HAS SUGGESTED THAT
SEISMOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT BE SET UP AT THE EPICENTER
OF FRIDAY'S DISASTER, NORTH OF BUCHAREST.

THE AMERICAN EARTHQUAKE CENTER SAID IT WOULD BE
"IMPRUDENT" FOR ROMANIAN AUTHORITIES TO BELIEVE THE
DANGER OF A NEW QUAKE HAD PASSED SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE HAD
BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT AFTERSHOCKS. IT SAID THAT PAST
EXPERIENCE SUGGESTED ANOTHER QUAKE WITH A MAGNITUDE OF
SIX OR GREATER ON THE OPEN-ENDED RICHTER SCALE
COULD (RPT COULD) TAKE PLACE WITHIN DAYS OR
MONTHS.

THE QUAKE THAT CLAIMED MORE THAN 1,000 LIVES IN
ROMANIA LAST FRIDAY REGISTERED 7.2 ON THE RICHTER SCALE.
END TEXT.BETTS

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